

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PATRICK ELLIOTT,
DECEASED.

FEBRUARY 2, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to
be printed.

Mr. PUGH, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 518.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3879) for the relief of the legal representatives of Patrick Elliott, deceased, submit the following report:

This is a claim for property taken and used by United States troops during the late war, alleged to have been owned by Patrick Elliott.

The proof shows that in 1861 and 1862 the Fourth and Fifth regiments of California troops used and occupied the decedent's property, used and destroyed large amounts of grain and other supplies.

If the claimants have a just claim it ought to be paid, and there is no reason why the proper facilities should not be afforded them to establish its validity. The committee therefore recommend that the claim be referred to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the terms of the Tucker Act, and report herewith a resolution to that effect and recommend its passage.